FOREST RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ECO-REHABILITATION PRAYAGRAJ

"16th PARTHENIUM AWARENESS WEEK"
16th August-22nd August, 2021
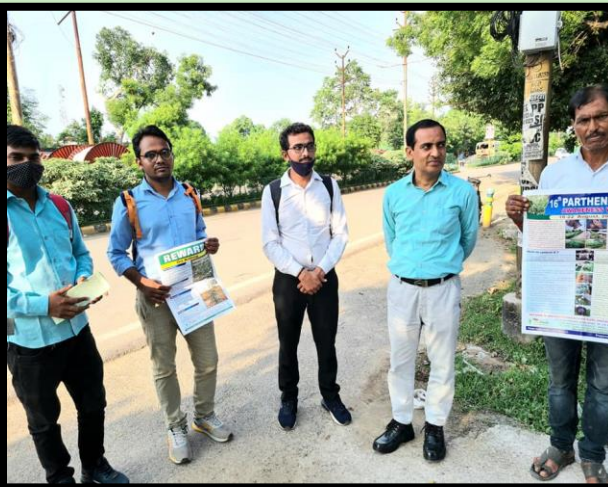

Parthenium Awareness Week, 16th August - 22nd August, 2021, was organized by FRCER, Prayagraj to motivate the public for management and eradication of this obnoxious weed. In the programme people were educated regarding this weed. Dr. Sanjay Singh, Head FRCER, Prayagraj, mentioned *Parthenium hysterophorus*, also known as Congress grass or Gajar grass, as noxious weed. He further expressed it, as is an invasive allergenic species that has invaded many countries worldwide including India, probably through an imported grain seeds. In recent years, this species is matter of concern and being invasive to agricultural and non-agricultural habitats and harming the land productivity. He told that this species has to be eradicated from country' landscapes and forests. Dr. Kumud Dubey, Extension In-Charge of the Centre explained that this species invades disturbed land, including roadsides. She mentioned further that it has infested pastures and farmland, causing often disastrous loss of yield and biodiversity. Dr. Anita Tomar, Scientist F, FRCER, Prayagaraj mentioned its toxicity and allergic qualities. Students from FRCER, Prayagraj and Allahabad University Mr. Bechan, Mr. Ashish Kumar yadav, Ms. Vandita, Mr. Aman Mishra, Ms. Darshita Rawat, Mr. Satyavrat, Ms. Mohuya Pal, Ms Kumari Beauty, , Mr. Vineet, Mr. Rahul, Mr. Yogesh Agrawal, Ms. Charlie Mishra, Mr. Faraz, Mr. Kuldeep Chauhan, Mr. Rahul etc. participated in mass eradication of Parthenium from

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roadside. Pamphlets and other extension materials had been distributed to the participants. Dr. S.D. Shukla, Ms Vandita maurya, Mr. Bijay Kumar, Mr Anil Tewari, Mr. Suresh Yadav etc. actively participated in the activity.